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 For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION)
 FOR TREATMENT OF HEART)
 DISEASE BASED ON CARDIAC)
 HYPERTROPHY)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please
 amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-5 as follows:

In claim 3, line 15, before "natriuretic" please add --a--.

In claim 4, line 17, after "wherein" please add --the--.

In claim 5, line 20, after "wherein" please add --the--.

Please add new claims 6-20 as follows:

--6. A method for treatment of heart disease based on cardiac hypertrophy
 comprising administering a substance that acts on the natriuretic peptide receptor, guanylyl